



BY THE  
Lord Lieutenant  
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W H E R E A S We the Lord Lieutenant have lately received His Majesties Letters Dated the 28th of September 1672 Which follow in these words :

CHARLES R.

**W** R I G H T T r u s t y , and Right well beloved Cousin and Councelloz, We Greet you well, Whereas in the time of the Lieutenancy of our Right Trusty and entirely beloved Cousin and Councelloz James Duke of Ormond in that our Kingdom of Ireland, We did for several weighty reasons As thereunto, especially moving, by Our Letters under Our Signet and Sign Manual, Order and Direct, that all Prosecution in criminal causes, against any of our Subjects of that Kingdom, upon the account of the late Rebellion and War, should be forborn, & that all our Judges and Justices of Assize and Goal delivery, and our Attorney and Solicitor General and all our Officers and Ministers and others of what degree soever should take notice thereof, And Proceed accordingly in all such cases, so that none of our said Subjects might be terrified by any prosecution in our behalf, but be in peace to follow their Lawful occasions, & that if any Indictments, Actions or Suits of that nature were depending against any of our said Subjects, that our Attorney General should be required to enter a Nolle prosequi in every such cause depending, and that no new Indictments or proceedings should be had, Notwithstanding which our Cominands, We being late'y given to understand (though we could not but expect the conformity of all our loving Subjects in that Kingdom to our example of Clemency, and to our declared pleasure against the continuance of animosities and differences after so long a time upon account of those things which ought to be forgotten and forgiven) that Actions have been brought by divers persons against several of our Subjects, even against some whose Estates have been forfeited, seized, and disposed by Act of Parliament upon the account of the said Rebellion and War, and judgements obtained against them for goods taken and Wrongs done in the heat of Rebellion and War, which being a great Terror to all who were Involved in those unfortunate actions,



'may be of dangerous consequence to the Peace and settlement of that our Kingdom, and renew and perpetuate feuds and heart-burnings, when men shall find themselves after *the* wars pursued, even for those things for which they were not so much as questioned in the time of the late usurpers Tyranny, or if questioned were thereupon acquitted, out of a just sense of the mischiefs that may ensue, and a gracious inclination to heale the wounds, and cement the breaches, which by so many years division and War have been made, that all our people may return to that unanimity and neighbour-like fellowship, commerce and correspondence wherein they lived together before the three and Twentieth of October 1641, then which nothing can more conduce to our satisfaction and service, We do not only declare our just resentments that any of our Subjects should have commenced or prosecuted such actions and suits (which We doubt not upon this signification of Our pleasure, but they and every of them will respectibely surcease) but we further declare, that our gracious intention is at the first session of Parliament in that our Kingdom, to pass an act of free and General pardon, indemnity and oblivion to all our Subjects of the same, and in the mean time, We expect from and command you Our Lieutenant, and all our Officers, and loving Subjects of what degree, quality and condition soever, and every of them, to take notice hereof, and forbear the preferring, Commencing or prosecuting any Indictments, Bills, suits, Actions, or plaints against any our Subjects, of that our Kingdom, for any matter or thing relating to or done in that time of the late Rebellion or War, and before our happy Restoration that as we have extended Our Grace and Clemency to all in general, and particular, they may mutually remit the Offences & injuries of one another, And to the end, the declaration of this our pleasure may be taken notice of by all persons whatsoever, We strictly charge and command that these our Letters be inrolled in our four Courts at Dublin, and by Act of State to be passed at our Council-Board, published to the whole Kingdom, for which this shall be unto you and all others to whom it may Concern a sufficient warrant, And so We bid you heartily farewell.

Given at Our Court at White-Hall the 28th day of September 1672 in the 24th Year of Our Reign; By His Majesties Command. Arlington.

**T**O Our Right Trusty, and Right well beloved Cousin and Councello; Arthur Earl of Essex, Our Lieutenant General, and General Governour of Our Kingdom of Ireland, Now we the Lord Lieutenant and Council in pursuance of his Majesties said Letters be by this Our Act of Council Order, that his Majesties said Letters be inrolled in his Majesties four Courts of Dublin, And we do also hereby publish his Majesties said Letters to and throughout this whole Kingdom, and we do hereby require all persons concerned to take notice of his Majesties pleasure thereby, signified and to observe the same,

Given at the Council-Chamber in Dublin the 21th day of October. 1672.

Ja: Armachanus.	Mich. Dublin Canc.	Arran.	Fran: Aungier.
Ro: Booth.	Jo: Byffe.	J: Temple.	Ro: Byron.
Will: Steuart.	H: Ingoldsby.	Theo: Iones.	
Maurice Eustace.	Char: Meridyth.	Hen: Ford.	

**God Save the King.**

**DUBLIN,**

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